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Re Planning application reference NY/2025/0030/ENV

OBJECTION

08/03/25

I am a frequent visitor to Cloughton both to visit relatives and for holidays which is why I am submitting this objection.

I am writing to OBJECT to the above planning application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is totally out of character on this heritage coast. The applicant mentions light industry currently present at The Mill Yard but this is very light industrial use and does not generate the pollution, noise and HGVs on the scale that the proposed gas drilling operation would create.
2. The applicant proposes drilling 24/7 for some periods. This is detrimental to residents and visitors alike who live/visit the area for its peace and quiet and rural beauty. It is also concerning that this operation could cause earth tremors.
3. The proposal would add to the problems already caused by climate change. Co2 and methane would be produced thus causing further harm. This application is a precursor to further drilling operations and the prospect of another 20 years of drilling operations should be borne in mind when assessing this application; as should the downstream emissions caused by burning the gas.
4. The UK is moving to renewables and this should be supported by not allowing new exploratory drilling for gas.
5. The area is one of natural beauty, close to the Heritage Coast and the Cleveland Way. As a keen walker and cyclist, this is what I enjoy seeing on my regular visits; not gas drilling operations, noise, pollution, gas flaring and bad odours.
6. I am concerned about the negative effect on wildlife in the area. I see many types of birds in the area; egrets, great egrets, herons, Canada Geese, Swallows, Swifts, House Martins, wrens, various finches, shelducks, owls and many more species. There are foxes and deer. These are all at risk from being harmed or driven away by noise, light or ground pollution.
7. The applicant has implied that drilling for gas would be a UK gain by reducing imports of gas from abroad. I am not sure that this is the case as I understand gas is sold on the open market for profit not for local use.
8. The applicant mentions 160 full or part time jobs. This should be clarified so that, for example, the 6 security guards mentioned for each phase are only ever counted as a total of 6 and not cumulatively counted over the phases as separate groups of 6 security guards.
9. I believe there is a serious risk to the water supply, potentially causing harm to people, wildlife and crops.
10. The operation is close to the National Park and is a popular tourist destination. I believe that a drilling operation would be detrimental to local businesses and affect the quality of visitor experiences. I would not enjoy visits to the area should the application be successful.
11. As a keen cyclist, I use the Cinder Track and also the proposed route for HGVs carrying potentially toxic materials. The roads are already busy with lorries heading from Scarborough in

the direction of Whitby and increased lorries will cause added danger on the roads. The HGV traffic should also be calculated as the number of journeys. One lorry creates two journeys for each trip.

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